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FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY VELIOTES (NEA)

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: TGEN, OTRA, PFOR, IS
SUBJECT: SENIOR U.S. MILITARY OFFICIALS IN ISRAEL

REF: STATE 111509

1. LIKE YOU, WE ARE INTERESTED IN ASSURING A SMOOTH AND
PRODUCTIVE VISIT FOR GENERAL HUYSER AND HAVE BEEN WORKING
WITH THE ISRAELIS TO THAT END.

2. HE WILL ARRIVE LATE ON MAY 24. AMBASSADOR IS
SCHEDULED TO SEE HIM THE AFTERNOON OF MAY 25 (NOT
BEFORE, BECAUSE HE WILL BE PRESENTING HIS CREDENTIALS
THAT MORNING). AS YET THERE HAS BEEN NO PUBLICITY
ABOUT THIS VISIT, NOR WILL WE ORIGINATE ANY, BUT IT MAY
BE MENTIONED IN THE LOCAL PRESS.

3. THE POLICY IN REGARD TO THE WEARING OF UNIFORM WAS
CHANGED BY AMBASSADOR TOON IN OCTOBER 1976 TO PERMIT
GENERAL OFFICERS AND OTHER SENIOR MILITARY PERSONNEL TO
WEAR UNIFORM ON OFFICIAL VISITS, SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING
CONDITIONS:

(A) UNIFORM MAY BE WORN TO OFFICIAL MEETINGS
AND BRIEFINGS IN THE TEL AVIV AREA, INCLUDING THE
WEARING IN PUBLIC FOR LUNCHEONS;
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(B) UNIFORMS MAY BE WORN TO DINNERS AND OTHER
EVENING SOCIAL FUNCTIONS WHEN SUCH FUNCTIONS ARE HELD
IN U.S. QUARTERS OR IN IDF OFFICIAL MESSES;
(C) UNIFORMS WILL NOT BE WORN FOR BRIEFINGS IN THE
JERUSALEM AREA;
(D) NO UNIFORMS WILL BE WORN WHEN VISITING OR
TRAVELING IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES (OUTSIDE THE

GREEN LINE) OR VISITING THE GOOD FENCE.

4. THE ABOVE POLICY RESULTED FROM A COMPLAINT BY A SENIOR ISRAELI OFFICER THAT AN AMERICAN GENERAL, WHO HAD WORN ONLY CIVILIAN CLOTHES IN ISRAEL, WAS SEEN SHORTLY THEREAFTER ON JORDAN TV IN FULL UNIFORM. THE POLICY HAS BEEN CAREFULLY ADHERED TO AND HAS NOT DRAWN ANY PRESS ATTENTION. FOR EXAMPLE, WHEN FORMER DEPUTY SECDEF CLEMENTS VISITED HERE LAST FALL A NUMBER OF OFFICERS ACCOMPANING HIM WORE UNIFORM, INCLUDING GENERAL JOHN DEAN, AND THIS ATTRACTED NO ATTENTION.

5. A MINOR POINT, BUT GENERAL HUYSER'S VISIT WILL NOT BE THE FIRST BY A SENIOR U.S. MILITARY OFFICER DURING AMBASSADOR LEWIS'S TENURE. REAR ADMIRAL CHARLES WILLIAMS, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY FOR AVIATION, IS ALREADY HERE AND WILL BE HERE AFTER THE AMBASSADOR ARRIVES, AND LT. GENERAL DONN STARRY, COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE U.S. ARMY FIFTH CORPS IN GERMANY, WILL ARRIVE SHORTLY BEFORE GENERAL HUYSER. DUNNIGAN

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